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SUBJECT: USAMA BIN LADEN'S STATEMENT ABOUT JIHAD AGAINST
THE U.S.

REF: A) STATE 32296 (NOTAL)

CLASSIFIED BY KENNETH R. MCKUNE, ACTING COORDINATOR FOR
COUNTERTERRORISM, S/CT, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. REASON: 1.5
(B), (D).

(S) DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT POST ADD THE FOLLOWING TALKING
POINTS TO THOSE CONTAINED IN REFTEL AND CONVEY THEM TO THE
APPROPRIATE TALIBAN OFFICIALS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY:

(BEGIN POINTS)

--USAMA BIN LADEN RECENTLY ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING FOR
ALL MUSLIMS TO ENGAGE IN A HOLY WAR AGAINST AMERICANS.

--WE FIND STATEMENTS OF THIS KIND, OPEN INVITATIONS TO
CARRY OUT TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE TO BE
OUTRAGEOUS AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

--WE HAVE DISCUSSED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT USAMA BIN LADEN'S
INFLAMATORY REMARKS AND ANTI-AMERICAN RHETORIC BEFORE. WE
WERE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT NEGATIVE ACTIONS LIKE THIS WOULD
BE CURBED.

--YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO BIN LADEN AND HIS SUPPORTERS IN
AFGHANISTAN THAT THIS ADVOCACY OF VIOLENCE IS UNACCEPTABLE
AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

--THESE KINDS OF STATEMENTS BY BIN LADEN ALSO REFLECT
POORLY ON THE TALIBAN, AS HE ENJOYS YOUR HOSPITALITY.

(END POINTS)

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